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SUBJ: SEIZURE OF PRIVATE YACHT CONTAINING US AND CANADIAN CITIZENS  
BY AUTHORITIES ON NICOBAR ISLANDS

REF: DELHI 16917; 16916; CANBERRA 8249 (NOTAL)

1. PRIVATE YACHT TOPAZ OF NEW ZEALAND REGISTRY WITH SIX AMERICAN  
AND SIX CANADIAN PASSENGERS,  
ARRIVED COLOMBO DEC 22. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH CONOFF  
FOUR AMERICAN CITIZENS, WHILE PRESENTLY IN GOOD SPIRITS,  
EXPRESSED THEIR FEARS ( AN INDIAN GUN BOAT INITIALLY APPROACHED  
WITH MACHINE GUNS AND OFFICERS KEPT SHIP UNDER ARMED GUARD)  
AND FRUSTRATIONS AT BEING DETAILED IN PULO MILO OFF LITTLE  
NICOBAR ISLAND DEC 10-15, AS COMPARED WITH DEC 7 TO 15 DATES  
IN FIRST REFTEL. ONLY EXPLANATION GIVEN  
BY INDIAN AUTHORITIES FOR DETENTION WAS ENTRANCE INTO  
INDIAN WATERS WITHOUT PRIOR CLEARANCE. NEW ZEALAND YACHT  
"ANUWAREWA", ALSO JUST ARRIVED IN CLOMOB, WHICH PASSED NEAR  
NANCOWRY, FORTY MILES NORTH, FEW DAYS EARLIER RECEIVED GUNFIRE  
AND ITS PASSENGERS SAID TO BE DETAINED TWELVE DAYS UNDER  
SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

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2. BESIDES WISHING TO WARN OTHER YACHTSMEN OF NEED FOR

CLEARANCE OR KNOWLEDGE OF RESTRICTED AREAS, AMERICANS,  
ESPECIALLY OWNER/SKIPPER LARRY CROSS, WISHED GIVE WRITTEN  
STATEMENT/COMPLAINT,WHICH EMBASSY WILL POUCH TO ADDRESSEES.

3. CREW PLAN SPEND APPROX 15 DAYS COLOMBO. CONOFF  
WILL SPEAK WITH CARL HARTMAN OAND VIRGINIA CONZALES, WHO WERE  
NOT AVAILABLE EARLIER, AS WELL AS PROVIDING FULL PASSPORT  
DATA.

NORMAN MACDONNELL, CANADIAN CONSULAR OFFICER, WHO MADE  
REPRESENTATIONS IN NEW DELHI WITH US REPS, IS  
HERE ON HOLIDAY AND, WITH LOCAL CANADIAN CONSULAR OFFICER,  
IS ALSO FOLLIWING DEVELOPMENTS.  
VAN HOLLEN

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